

IRRIGATION BE PASSED

House Favors Control by State Board.

COAL MINE INSPECTOR

SALARY FIXED AT \$2,500 PER YEAR.

A final vote on the Holmgren Irrigation bill is in sight in the house. It was decided last night in committee of the whole to recommend the bill with some minor amendments for passage by the house. As soon as the bill is correct, it will be reported and put on its final passage.

At 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon a test vote was taken on the passage of the bill by the house. The result was in favor of the state board, and the Glasman Irrigation bill thereby went by the board.

At the evening session the members, in committee of the whole, voted on the bill, section by section, made some minor amendments and then voted to recommend the bill as corrected.

The bill making more detailed provisions for the work of the state coal mine inspector without serious opposition. South tried to get the salary cut from \$2,500 to \$2,000, but failed. Pages, W. H. Barnes, and J. H. Barnes, all from the coal fields of the state, were among the members who spoke for the measure before it was passed almost unanimously.

The memorial to congress regarding the Lewis and Clarke expedition at Portland was adopted unanimously.

Bills Passed.

Other bills passed by the house: House bill 11, by Glasman, relating to section 2560 of the revised statutes so that franchisees derived from the United States (applicable to the Union Pacific and Central Pacific roads) may be taxed; house bill 131, by N. L. Morris, allowing a chattel mortgage to be renewed thirty days after its expiration; house bill 132, by Glasman, relating to public corporations to invest sinking funds in their own bonds; house bill 133, by Anderson, allowing county commissioners to fix the salaries of assistants to county officers, without limit as to the amount.

Bills Killed.
Bills killed by the house: House bill 11, by Glasman, relating to taxation; house bill 136, by Fry, making the signatures of a majority of the residents of a town or city necessary to a petition for a referendum.

A large list of committee reports came in at the evening session. Among the bills reported unfavorably was house bill 134, by Glasman, relating to a petition for a referendum.

Other bills unfavorably reported were: The committee on education, senate bill 23, by Whitney, providing for prizes for text books; by the committee on judiciary, house bill 161, by Glasman, relating to the grounds that are amply able to build their own roads without joining in the "log-rolling" to make Salt Lake bear the burden.

Preparations for this bill were made at the beginning of the session, when a man from the country with the frankest, most open, honest appearance was selected as chairman of the committee on highways and bridges. This was done to dispel the suspicion that the bill was a "log-rolling" scheme.

By the committee on public health, house bill 22, by Phillips, relating to the sale of intoxicants.

One new bill was introduced yesterday: House bill 235, by Lambert, appropriating \$4,750 for the destruction of ground squirrels, gophers and prairie dogs.

This bill does not provide for a bounty, but apportions the money to the different counties afflicted by these pests, allowing the counties to use the money in the purchase of poison or in any other way that seems best.

ROUTINE IN SENATE.

Many Bills Favorably Reported by Committees.

Although the senate held two sessions yesterday, nothing in the way of legislation was accomplished aside from the Evans bill, which is elsewhere reported. The senators were busy with a session today, this afternoon at 2 and tonight at 8.

Favorable reports were received on senate bill 11, relating to the use of injurious chemicals in milk and cream; house bill 24, providing for the delivery of convicts to the state prison; senate bill 107, relating to the sale of state lands; senate bill 84, defining the duties of the state dairy and food commissioners; senate bill 85, to encourage the destruction of coyotes and other wild animals; house bill 94, relating to the funding of the indebtedness; house bill 95, relating to commitments to and discharges from the asylum for the insane; house bill 24, relating to the delivery of convicts to the state prison.

Penitentiary Admission Fee.
An unfavorable report was presented on house bill 23, which provides that the admission fee of 25 cents charged visitors to the state prison be used for the prison library. The committee recommended a substitute abolishing the section of the statute which permits a charge of 25 cents to visitors to the prison. Sen. or Smoot explained that he believed the library would be benefited more by voluntary contributions than it would by the payment of a fee.

Senator Lawrence asked that the report be made a special order for this afternoon as he wanted to look into the bill a little and the request was granted.

An unfavorable report was also made on senate bill 85, which provides for the payment by the state of the expenses of the faculty of the agricultural college in certain instances. This report was adopted without objection.

Before taking a vote on the Evans bill last night Sherman secured unanimous consent for the reading of a communication from the house, announcing the passage of house concurrent resolution No. 1, providing for the appointment by the governor of a commission to arrange for Utah's participation in the centennial exposition of the Pacific northwest states at Portland, Ore., in 1905. Under the terms of the resolution the commission was to be composed of five members.

Petitions were presented by Senators Sherman and Lovell, asking the passage of house bill 161, giving the boards of education in cities of the first and second classes power to levy a tax of 7 mills instead of 5 1/2 mills. The petitions went to the committee on ways and means.

Fruit Tree Bulletin.
County Fruit Tree Inspector Sorenson has issued a bulletin announcing that now is the time to spray trees with No. 7 formula, winterhaz, lime, sulphur and salt properly cooked, together. The inspector is certain that this spray will destroy the fertility of all insect eggs and prevent such fungus as peach ear, mildew and rust.

It is also highly beneficial to shade trees and if properly applied will do more to keep them healthy and clean than any other remedy and at less expense. This wash is in high favor with California orchardists and from experience Inspector Sorenson recommends it to local fruit growers. It must, however, be applied before the buds start to swell or it will injure the trees if not killed them.

SENATORIAL CONTEST.
Investigation Results in Gain for Barnes.

It is not at all improbable that the senate committee on elections will conclude its investigation of the Ellison-Barnes contest today. A report favorable to the contest seems now a foregone conclusion. No allegation made by or on behalf of Mr. Ellison has been sustained and if there is anything in indications there will be.

The formal hearing began yesterday morning. E. B. Critchlow and Judge T. B. Wenger appeared for Mr. Ellison, while Senator Barnes was represented by James H. Moyle and D. O. Wiley.

The first district taken up was West Layton, in Davis county. Here it was claimed that at least two votes had been wrongfully withheld from Ellison. The committee found four rejected ballots. Of these, two were spoiled, and one of the other two was given to Ellison. The committee found that the envelopes contained no signatures or other identifying marks. Nevertheless, they were opened. The two ballots claimed for Ellison were found to have been spoiled and the committee decided to count them as rejected.

In District 6 it was found that one ballot for Barnes had been rejected because it was slightly torn. The committee decided to count it for him and also turned down two spoiled ballots Ellison laid claim to. The hearing will be resumed at 9:30 this morning.

PUBLIC WORKS BILL.
Mayor Thompson Opposed to Present Measure.

Mayor Thompson is opposed to the measure now pending in the legislature to abolish the board of public works in this city.

"But I think the law should be amended," Mr. Thompson said last night, discussing the matter. "The board of public works is a very important body and should be kept as it is. The two bills should be taken care of by the hands of the board and put into the hands of the heads of the different departments."

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